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For American Citizen Services, please make an appointment using our online system located at: <http://maputo.usembassy.gov/service.html>

COMPULSORY VEHICLE INSPECTIONS

Inspections for vehicles are back in effect. The new deadline for the compulsory vehicle inspections was July 1st, 2011. All vehicles must pass this inspection in order to remain on the road. There are two testing centers in the Maputo area. One in Zimpeto and one outside Matola on the N4 road. The price for the inspection is around 700 MZM depending on the size and type of vehicle.

U.S. Citizens  
Town Hall Meeting



Wednesday,  
August 24th,  
from 6 - 8 p.m.  
at the U.S.  
Ambassador's  
residence

U.S. Ambassador Leslie V. Rowe invites all U.S. citizens in Mozambique to her residence for a town hall meeting on August 24th. The U.S. Embassy's Regional Security Officer, Consular Section and others will be available to answer questions.

We hope all U.S. citizens will join us!

**\*\*You must RSVP to [ConsularMaputo@state.gov](mailto:ConsularMaputo@state.gov) and bring your U.S. Passport to be admitted\*\***

NEW FOREIGN EXCHANGE REGULATIONS

In accordance with Lei 11/2009, the Central Bank has introduced new regulations governing foreign exchange. The regulations took effect on July 11, 2011.

The new limitations are aimed at reducing and accounting for the amount of foreign exchange present in cash form in Mozambique. As such, the regulation restricts cash withdrawals of dollars to \$5,000 per transaction for Mozambican residents. Dollar withdrawals up to that limit in cash may be made when the requestor needs the funds to travel abroad. Banks will request potential travelers complete a form requesting travel for each withdrawal. The Central Bank has instructed banks to maintain high levels of customer service in implementing these rules and BCI is committed to making the process as customer friendly as possible under the law.

There is no forced conversion on dollar accounts. Wire transfers of dollars are unaffected. New accounts in foreign currency may be opened. Contracts may remain based in dollars and wire payments may continue to be effected in dollars.

Individuals who wish to exchange currency at the local exchange houses (cambios) may continue to do so.

The Government of Mozambique has made available several help lines for individuals with questions. You may contact any of the below telephone numbers if you have any more questions or concerns. Please understand that the U.S. Embassy cannot exchange currency for American citizens.

21-35-4707	21-35-4708
21-35-4709	82-333-0550
84-333-0550	

VIRGINIA STATE & LOCAL PRIMARIES TO BE HELD AUGUST 23

On Tuesday, August 23, 2011, Virginia will hold their 2011 primaries for local and General Assembly offices. If you are a registered voter in Virginia or believe that you may be eligible to vote in Virginia and are a member of the uniformed service on active duty, a member of the Merchant Marines, a Virginia resident currently residing overseas, or a spouse of one of the above, you may be eligible to vote on August 23. Please review the following information to determine if you are eligible or contact the Virginia State Board of Elections at their toll free # 1-800-552-9745 or your local registration office.

District lines have been redrawn and recent changes might have changed what local, State Senate or House of Delegates district(s) in which you vote. To determine if you have been affected by redistricting please visit [www.sbe.virginia.gov](http://www.sbe.virginia.gov), from the State Board of Elections website you can verify if you are eligible to vote in one of the upcoming primaries. UOCAVA voters may also be eligible to register for an absentee ballot for the Primary and future elections. **Please note that applications for absentee ballots and the Federal Post Card Applications (FPCA) continue to be accepted for the Primary Election.** Also, if you are a Virginia resident and eligible for voter registration, you may be eligible to register to vote and request an absentee ballot simultaneously for any August 23, 2011 Primary races.

Finally, if you are a UOCAVA voter and have applied to receive an absentee ballot automatically for races in which you are an eligible voter, you should have received an absentee ballot by July 8 for your eligible Primary races (including political party primaries). You will receive your ballot by email or mail, depending on the option you originally selected for the ongoing absentee ballot. If you are unsure about your status as an ongoing absentee voter please email [info@sbe.virginia.gov](mailto:info@sbe.virginia.gov) and a SBE staff member will assist you. Again, please note that absentee ballots will be available on July 8, 2011 and all eligible ongoing absentee voter ballots were sent on that date or before.

For a more detailed guide and additional information please see the Virginia State Board of Elections' release for Absentee Voting for Military Personnel, their families and Overseas Voters: [http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Absentee\\_Voting/Military\\_Overseas\\_Citizens/Index.html](http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Absentee_Voting/Military_Overseas_Citizens/Index.html)

If you are travelling from any of these countries into South Africa, you will need to show proof of a yellow fever vaccination.

Yellow Fever Vaccination Recommendations in Africa, 2010

